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1. a law announcing that the term of service in all military branches would be "three calendar years" was published in Izvestiya na Presidiuma (News from the Presidium) on 5 July 1952. The law was read to the Trudovaks in the Shumen area at the end of August 1952, and to the Trudovaks in the Plovdiv area on 7 September 1952.

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2. the above law states that all Trudovaks who had been inducted prior to 5 April 1950 would be discharged by the end of 1952, and that all others would serve 36 months. This provision was carried out except that the date was changed from "April 1950" to "end of June 1950."

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3. In the spring of 1952, the "three calendar years" would be interpreted as follows: tabulation of a recruit's three years of service would not start until the beginning of the calendar year following his induction. Thus, if a man were inducted in April, tabulation of his three years of service would not start until the following 1 January, and his total service would be 45 months.

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